

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8581–S8606

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1785–1798, and S. Res. 314–316. **Pages S8601–02**

Measures Passed:

Supreme Court Police: Senate passed H.R. 2922, to extend the authority of the Supreme Court Police to protect court officials away from the Supreme Court grounds. **Page S8605**

Southern Judicial District of Mississippi: Senate passed H.R. 2871, to amend title 28, United States Code, to modify the composition of the southern judicial district of Mississippi to improve judicial efficiency. **Page S8605**

Authorizing Production of Records: Senate agreed to S. Res. 315, to authorize the production of records by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Pages S8605–06**

Measures Considered:

Workforce Investment Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1356, to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to strengthen the United States workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs in the United States, and to promote individual and national economic growth. **Pages S8581–83**

Pillard Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Cornelia T. L. Pillard, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. **Pages S8594–95**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 253), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. **Page S8594**

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By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 255), Senate upon reconsideration agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S8595**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 2 p.m., on Wednesday, December 11, 2013; and that time during adjournment count post-cloture. **Page S8606**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 56 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. EX. 247), Patricia Ann Millett, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. **Pages S8583–84, S8606**

By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 252), Melvin L. Watt, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency for a term of five years. **Pages S8586–93, S8606**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 54 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 248), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. **Pages S8584–85**

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By 51 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 250), Senate upheld the ruling of the Chair that under precedent set by the Senate on Thursday, November 21, 2013, the threshold for cloture on nominations, not including those of the Supreme Court, is now a majority. Subsequently, Senator McConnell motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair was rejected. **Page S8585**

By 57 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 251), Senate upon reconsideration agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S8585–86**

Messages from the House: **Page S8600**

Measures Referred: **Page S8600**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:
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Additional Statements: Pages S8599–S8600

Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S8605

Record Votes: Nine record votes were taken today.
(Total—255) Pages S8584–86, S8593–95

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:20 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8606.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ASSISTANCE FOR JORDAN AND LEBANON

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine assistance for Jordan and Lebanon, after receiving testimony from Anne Richard, Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees and Migration; Alia Bouran, Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United States, Amman; Antoine Chedid, Ambassador of the Lebanese Republic to the United States, Beirut; and Andrew Harper, and Ewen Macleod, both of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, New York, New York.

HOUSING FINANCE REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine housing finance reform, focusing on the fundamentals of transferring credit risk in a future housing finance system, including S. 1217, to provide secondary mortgage market reform, after receiving testimony from Wanda DeLeo, Deputy Director, Division of Conservatorship, Federal Housing Finance Agency; Kevin Palmer, Freddie Mac, Leesburg, Virginia; Laurel Davis, Fannie Mae, Washington, D.C.; Ted Durant, MGIC, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Sandeep Bordia, Barclays, Udaipur, India.

CRAFTING A SUCCESSFUL INCENTIVE AUCTION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine crafting

a successful incentive auction, focusing on the stakeholders' perspectives, after receiving testimony from Gary Epstein, Special Advisor and Chair, Incentive Auction Task Force, Federal Communications Commission; Joan Marsh, AT&T, Hal J. Singer, Progressive Policy Institute, Steven K. Berry, Competitive Carriers Association, Rick Kaplan, National Association of Broadcasters, and Harold Feld, Public Knowledge, all of Washington, D.C.; and Preston Padden, Expanding Opportunities for Broadcasters Coalition, Boulder, Colorado.

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee held a hearing to examine the nomination of John Andrew Koskinen, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Department of the Treasury, the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

Hearing recessed subject to the call and will meet again on Wednesday, December 11, 2013.

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the transition in Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from James F. Dobbins, Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Department of State; and Donald L. Sampler, Assistant to the Administrator and Director of the Office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of David Weil, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Warren, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.